

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I am outraged by this action and believe that your Commission has a responsibility to stop what Sinclair is planning to broadcast. If you cannot do this, what good is your commission.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Michael Moore used movie theatres to show his film of which we could go to the theatre and PAY if we chose to do so. What Sinclair is being allowed to do is wrong for democracy. Are we going to the "German state" of old?

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.